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ABSTRACT

This book focuses on three major legal issues involving individuals who have an attention deficit disorder or a specific learning disability: (1) documentation requirements to obtain benefits of federal and state laws; (2) ways that professionals can meet these requirements; and (3) confidentiality of the documenting information. The first two chapters provide background information on attention deficit disorder and learning disabilities, covering the definition from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual-IV, lifelong challenges posed by the disability, and possible accommodations in school and the workplace. The third chapter presents the legal framework and focuses on three federal statutes: the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. It also evaluates the critical elements of cases under these laws. Chapter 4 addresses the documentation process and applies the process to educational and employment settings. It suggests "do's and don'ts" in documenting and points out times when documentation should not be provided. Chapter 5 addresses confidentiality under state and federal laws, as well as court decisions. Chapter 6 lists print and nonprint resources. Eleven appendices include memoranda, sample reports, and sample letters and forms from specific institutions. (Legal references are supplied where appropriate.) (DB)

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